

## THE EVENING CRITIC.

ESTABLISHED AUGUST 1880.

AMUSEMENTS TO-NIGHT.  
 SUMMER THEATRE COMIQUE—Variety.  
 DRIVER'S SUMMER GARDEN—Comedy.  
 ANNE'S SUMMER GARDEN—Comedy.

## Weather Indications.

For the Middle Atlantic States, fair weather, followed by local rains, warm southwest, veering to colder northwest winds, higher pressure.

## Special Weather Bulletin.

The special bulletin issued from the Signal Office to-day says: Occasional rain is indicated for Sunday in the lower lake region, Tennessee and the Ohio valley, Middle States and New England.

## The Critic in Georgetown.

Copies of THE EVENING CRITIC may be had and subscriptions left at E. K. Landy's book and stationery store, 128 Bridge street, Georgetown.

## PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS

About People and Things in Washington.

Good programme at the Comique to-night.

Go to Abner's summer garden and indulge in a glass of Cuba Libre before Judge STRAYER LAYS will be lighted at 7:20 p. m. and extinguished at 10 p. m.

Forty-five arrests were made during the 24 hours ending at 8 a. m.

THE POLICE complain that Judge Bundy does not treat thieves with sufficient rigor.

THE thermometer registered 90° at 10 o'clock this morning. The highest figure at that hour this summer.

THE only marriage license issued to-day was to Charles G. Eli & Co. of St. Louis, Mo., and Lillie J. Marsden, city.

IT IS THE GENERAL impression now that Messrs. Norris and McNair weakened considerably when they compromised their railroad case.

RICHARD MACKEN, living at No. 21 Marion street, cut his foot severely, severing an artery, while he was chopping wood yesterday afternoon.

SOLOMON O'NEAL, a white boy of 13, fell from the top of a tree in front of No. 1231 Twenty-fourth street yesterday afternoon and was seriously injured.

IN spite of the excessive heat of to-day, the mercury having risen to 99°, not a single case of a person overcome by the heat was reported to the police stations.

THE UNDINE FISHING CLUB, composed of young men of Capitol Hill, leave on the 27th instant for a fifteen days' cruise on the lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay.

PATNEY NIX and Annie Harding, two dancings as black as coal, were before Judge Bundy to-day for pulling hair and scratching each other's faces in the public streets.

CLAUDE ROBINSON, a white youth, was up before Judge Bundy to-day on a charge of stealing a lot of carpenter's tools from Henry Robinson. Sent to jail for 30 days.

BURGARS made an attempt last night to enter the house of J. H. Johnson, No. 2019 Fourteenth street northwest, by forcing the front door with a jimmy. The burglars were frightened off.

THE sixth excursion of the National Rifles will be given on Wednesday next, on the steamer W. W. Corcoran. It will be a grand excursion, and all who go will enjoy themselves.

THIS WEEK shows a list of ten persons sent to the insane asylum and three insane persons sent to their homes. This is the largest list of the kind for any week during the present year.

A YOUNG WHITE GIRL, who was engaged in peddling on Pennsylvania avenue this afternoon, fell in an epileptic fit when near Sixth street, and did not recover for nearly three-quarters of an hour.

MR. SID H. NEALY, the well-known and accomplished artist, is the agent of the Heliotype Printing Company, 421 Boston. He is fitting up room 52, Corcoran building, and after next week can be found there.

MR. S. J. FAGUT, measurer and builder, of Four-and-a-half street, says that in the style of the houses now being erected, and in their number, this is the building boom of the city of Washington since it was laid out as a city.

TO-DAY a bill in chancery was filed by Oliver A. Daily against Jeremiah Costello, John McCarthy and others, to set aside a deed of trust, alleged to be fraudulent, and to set certain real estate and divide the proceeds among those entitled.

JOE BURCH was charged by Major King, agent of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, to-day in the Police Court with being the owner of a male, which he caused to be worked that had a very sore back and was otherwise unfit for labor; fined \$25 or sixty days.

SAM STRONG and his counsel were to-day engaged in taking testimony in the case of his claim relative to the Boundary street sewer before the Court of Claims. There is one thing that can be said about Strong—none of his work has ever necessitated repair or reconstruction.

EDWARD REILY is the latest crank—a big, powerful man, who has been reduced to fear and dread of all he meets and sees, and whose screams of fear and terror are almost incessant. This man has only been married for about two months, and has changed in that time from a strong, sensible man to a pitiable maniac. He will be sent across the river to-day.

## Transfers of Real Estate.

Deeds were filed to-day as follows: Chas. S. Bundy and wife to Morris L. Ackerman, part lot 25, square 340, \$1,100. Annie M. Ackerman to Chas. S. Bundy, lot 25, square 1043, \$1,100. M. W. Galt and wife to Wm. Galt, part lot 1, in square 106, . . . Wm. L. Partello and wife to A. S. Johnson, lot 35, square 445, \$250.

## Bids for School-houses.

Bids were opened in the Commissioners' office at noon to-day for the erection of two new school-houses in the Second division, to be situated in squares 625 and 375. The bids were as follows:

Square	Area	Bidder	Amount
625	175	W. B. Downing & Co.	\$43,750
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Both contracts will be awarded to John H. Howlett, the lowest bidder.

## An Opportunity for Bargains.

At no time during the season can more excellent bargains be secured in bunnings, dress goods of every description, parasols, cottons, hosiery and fancy goods than the present, and no more extraordinary inducements can be offered than those offered by Broadhead & Co., 1205 F street northwest. This old and reliable firm sells none but the best goods and is the first always to mark down prices in order to meet popular custom.

## A Neglected Duty.

Since the announcement of the fact that Mr. Tilden is having considerable additions made to his house in Gramercy Place, the New York Tribune has not had the political enterprise to announce that he is engaged in a conspiracy to seize the tools of the government.

THE thermometer at Thompson's drug store at noon to-day in the doorway was 100°. In the corridor of the White House at the same time it registered 90°.

## "The Critic" and the Germans.

In view of the misrepresentations that have been made, and the lies that have been told, THE CRITIC publishes below, in German and English, a communication which appeared in to-day's Washington Journal, together with the comment of the Critic, to which are added our own comments; and with this we dismiss the subject.

## Nochmals die „Critic“.

Wir wurden gestern erfährt, den folgenden Brief in unsere Spalten aufzunehmen:

An den Redakteur des „Washington Journal“:

Es scheint mir, daß Sie in dem, was Sie gestern veröffentlichten, die „Critic“ vollständig mißverstanden haben. Ich bin der Neugierde und „Managing-Redakteur der „Critic“. Alles Mann-schrift geht durch meine Hände. Ich nahm die Sache auf, wie sie von unseren Reportern über den schrecklichen an den Fischen Kindern begangenen Mord kam. Ich fordere irgend Jemand auf, die geringste Beleidigung der Deutschen in dem zu finden, was die „Critic“ über den Mord berichtet, den sie als einen der brutalsten bezeichnet, der je begangen wurde. Wie gestern gesagt wurde, veröffentlichten wir Thatsachen als Thatsachen und Gerüchte als Gerüchte und nichts wurde über Nationalität gesagt. Wenn Herr Fischer irgend welches Unrecht widerfahren, so mag er sich beklagen, aber daß irgend Jemand von der „Critic“ je die Deutschen attackiert hat, wird positiv in Abrede gestellt. Irländer, Amerikaner, Belgier, Dänen, Spanier, Franzosen, in der That Menschen aller Nationalitäten begangen Morde. Aber die Thatsache, daß sie es thun, braucht die Nationalität nicht zu berühren. Sie haben alle Unrecht in dieser Sache. Wenn Sie eine Beleidigung der deutschen Bevölkerung finden können, so veröffentlicht Sie dieselbe gefälligst.

D. K. Harris.

Neugierde-Redakteur

der „Critic“.

Dieser Brief beweist, daß der „Critic“ sehr darauf zu thun ist, den Deutschen glauben zu machen, daß sie es nicht böse mit ihnen meint. Wir wollen unseren Lesern das Urtheil darüber überlassen, da sie alle wissen, in welcher Weise das genannte sensationelle Blatt alle Nachrichten und Gerüchte, welche zu Deutschen in Beziehung stehen, auslegt. Was die Fischer-Angelegenheit betrifft, so wollen wir das, was über Herrn Fischer gesagt wurde, gar nicht einmal erwähnen, sondern nur wieder brüden, was die „Critic“ in gefühlvoller, roher Weise über die unglückliche Mutter der gemordeten Kinder sagte. Die „Critic“ schrieb:

„Es giebt noch eine andere Geschichte, welche erzählt, daß die Mutter der Kinder gefesselt ist und einige scheinen sogar zu glauben, daß sie etwas mit dem Verbrecher zu thun gehabt hat. Da ihr Thun am Samstag nicht öffentlich bekannt gemacht worden ist, sind einige Personen bereit, diesem Umstande Wichtigkeit beizulegen, und wird gesagt, daß sie gezwungen werden sollte, zu erklären, wo sie sich aufgehoben und was sie gethan hat.“

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(Translation of the above.)

„The Critic“ Again.

Yesterday we were requested to insert in our columns the following letter:

To the Editor of The Washington Journal:

It seems to me that you have entirely mistaken THE CRITIC in what you published yesterday. I am the news and managing editor of THE CRITIC. All the copy passes through my hands. I regarded the matter as it came from our reporters in relation to the terrible murder of the Fisher children. I defy any one to find the slightest reflection on the German people in anything that was published with regard to the murder, which THE CRITIC characterized as one of the most brutal which ever occurred. As was stated yesterday, we published facts as facts and rumors as rumors. No reference was ever made to nationality. If Mr. Fisher has any grievances it is for him to complain; but that any one on THE CRITIC ever attacked the Germans as most positively denied. Irishmen, Americans, Belgians, Dutchmen, Spaniards, Frenchmen, in fact all men of all nationalities commit murders. But the fact that they do it need not affect the nationality. You are all wrong in this matter. If you can find a reflection on the German people please produce it.

News Editor of Critic.

This letter shows us that THE CRITIC it endeavors to make the Germans believe that it did not intend to have its language understood as assailing the Germans. We leave that with our readers to determine, as they all know for themselves in what way this sensational paper reports the Germans whenever an item refers to the Germans. In relation to the Fisher matter, whatever may have been said of Mr. Fisher, we shall speak of it no more, but we shall bring up what THE CRITIC said unfeelingly and remorselessly of the mother of the murdered children. There is yet another story, which states that the mother is insane, and there is a belief that she had something to do with the crime. As her doctors last Saturday had not been made public, some persons were ready to believe that she was guilty, and it is said that she should be pressed to declare where she had been and what she had been doing during that time.

Der „Critic“ Bemerkungen über das Obige:

Das Vergehende ist richtig genug, so weit wie es geht. Aber wenn das „Journal“ von uns spricht, sollte es die Wahrheit von uns sprechen. Dies ist was wir gesagt haben und es ist auf Gerüchte gegründet wie wir sagten:

„Es giebt noch eine Geschichte, welche sagt, daß die Mutter der Kinder gefesselt ist und einige scheinen zu glauben, daß sie vielleicht etwas mit dem Verbrecher zu thun gehabt hat. Da ihr Thun am Samstag nicht öffentlich bekannt gemacht worden ist, sind einige Personen bereit, diesem Umstande Wichtigkeit beizulegen, und verlangen, daß sie gezwungen werden sollte zu erklären, wo sie war und was sie gethan hat.“

Die Medication des „Journal“ wurde gestern aufgefordert, einen einzigen Artikel zu publiciren, in welchem die „Critic“ das deutsche Publikum angegriffen:

nicht einer wurde specificirt; man kann keinen specificiren und hier lassen wir die Sache.

Wir sind glücklich zu wissen, daß die „Critic“ keine besseren Freunde irgendwo besitzt, als das deutsche Publikum, und nicht einer davon kann einen einzigen Artikel specificiren, in welchem etwas auf sie reflectirt ist.

(Translation of the above.)

„The Critic's Comments on the Above.“

The above is all right so far as it goes. But when the Journal quotes us, it should quote us correctly. Here is what we did say, and it was founded on rumor as stated: „There is another story to the effect, that the mother of the children is of unsound mind, and some seem to think that she might have had something to do with the crime. Her actual movements on Saturday not having been publicly explained, some people are ready to attach importance to it, and say that she should be made to state where she was and what she was doing.“

The editor of the Journal was yesterday requested to point out any specific item in which THE CRITIC had assailed the Germans. Not one was pointed out. Not one can be pointed out. And here we leave the matter. We are proud to know that THE CRITIC has no better friends anywhere than among the Germans, and not one of them can point out a single paragraph in which they have been reflected upon.

## Religious Notes.

—A thousand Hindoo children attend American Sunday-schools at Lucknow, India.

—The Belfast Witness complains of the neglect of the rite of infant baptism among the Presbyterians in the north of Ireland.

—Holland and Scotland are now the battle-fields of rationalism and orthodoxy, especially as regards the integrity of the Scriptures.

—Three Methodist ministers were recently prosecuted in Belfast, Ireland, for singing hymns on the streets. Their case went to trial, and hymn-singing triumphed.

—A man, the New York Observer tells us, called at the Bible House to buy a New Testament to compare with the new revision to see which was best, although he had never previously read a verse of either!

—The Episcopal seminary in New York wisely prohibits its students from preaching until after graduation—a more sensible rule than to allow forward or glib half-educated men to usurp one of the most sacred functions of the ministry.

—President McCosh has received since assuming the presidency of Princeton college donations for that institution to the amount of two millions and a half of dollars! The seminary recently received \$100,000. Who says that America does not encourage learning?

—An East Indian bishop has just admitted to holy orders a Mr. Thomas Rickards, till lately a miner at Callington, in Cornwall, who is said, „by constant perse-

## GEORGETOWN AFFAIRS.

## Paying the Canal Men.

The steam packet Maryland, having on board Paymaster Gamble, Civil Engineer Smith, Assistant Collector Jarboe at Georgetown, Mr. E. P. Mercer and Joseph Isaacs arrived at Cambridge Thursday. The boat started several days since from the lower end of the canal. The employees along the line were paid as the boat advanced on its trip. The party determined what locks should be doubled when the improvements are made this fall. The pay roll this trip amounted to \$18,000.

## Coal.

Thirty boats with coal, as follows, left Cambridge Thursday: Consolidation Company, 1,471 tons; Maryland Company 910 tons; Borden Company, 554 tons; George's Creek, 117 tons. In Alexandria—American Company, 230 tons.

## Kicked by a Mule.

About 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon Frank Turner, a young colored man, while driving on the tow-path, above Georgetown, was badly kicked by a mule in the face and breast. He was removed in an unconscious condition to his home, on Q, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets northwest, and Dr. B. M. Beall was called in to render the necessary surgical assistance.

## Celebrating Her 81st Birthday.

The 81st anniversary of the birthday of Mrs. Elizabeth Cunningham, relict of Samuel Cunningham, formerly a prominent business man of Georgetown, was celebrated yesterday at the old homestead, on West street, near the P street bridge. The numerous guests sat down to a bountiful dinner, presided over by the generous hostess, who was very ably assisted by her daughters, all of whom were present, excepting Mrs. B. Certe, who is in Virginia.

## Accident.

Michael Burke, colored, while driving a loaded coal cart to Georgetown College, fell asleep, and the whole outfit, mule, driver and cart, fell over an embankment nearly one hundred feet high. The negro struck on his head, and, of course, escaped unhurt. The mule was badly hurt and will probably die.

## ALEXANDRIA AFFAIRS.

The receipts of wheat continue good; but prices here, as in other markets, are very low.

Superintendent Coleman's force has now thoroughly cleaned four-fifths of the streets, and he is pushing the work very fast.

The recent sales of building lots here does not show an advance; and there is no city in the Union, with a population of 14,000, where real estate is so low.

Major John W. Green continues to receive encouraging letters from Northern capitalists stating their intention of starting manufacturing of different kinds at this point.

A new telegraph wire has been erected to run from the office of Messrs. J. R. Agnew & Co.'s to the wharf of the Potomac Ferry Co., thence to the Western Union Telegraph office.

The steamer City of Alexandria, of the Potomac Ferry line, which has been on the way at the ship-yard in this city for the past few days, this morning resumed her place on the line, having been thoroughly repaired.

A gentleman from the country was arrested yesterday on a warrant sworn out by an old negro man, by the name of Gathright, charging him with abducting his child. The facts of the case are as follows: The boy came to the gentleman just as he was preparing to leave for the country, and stated that he had no home and had nothing to eat for some time, and asked the gentleman to take him home, with him, which he consented to do, telling the boy he would try to get him a home among some of the people in his neighborhood. The boy left his house the next morning, and has since been seen in this city. The mayor dismissed the case, there being no evidence on which to hold the prisoner.

## THE COURTS.

EQUITY COURT—IN CHAMBERS.—To-day, in the case of Sarah J. Thomas vs. J. P. Thomas, for divorce, Judge Wylie ordered that the order herein made on the 12th instant is so modified as not to sanction or make regular any evidence taken on behalf of the defendant between the 7th day of August and the 12th in absence of complainant.

In the case of Henry M. Norris et al. vs. Elizabeth Hall et al.; order nisi confirming sale.

Swindling the Government.

James Hogan, who was arrested on Tuesday on a charge of attempting to defraud the Government by obtaining the back pay of sailors on forged applications, was argued for examination before the United States Commissioner Shields yesterday. Robert Kearns, chief of the general claim department in the office of the Fourth Auditor of the Treasury at Washington, testified that his attention was attracted to the fraudulent claims in the case of the application of Charles Morton, who applied for three months' back pay as a seaman on the United States ship Raritan during the Mexican war. The allowance was made under an act of Congress passed in 1879. Theodore Wright, William H. Hicks, and Daniel Leary, notaries public, testified that the prisoner came before them and swore, on one instance, to being Charles Morton, and on the other occasions as one of the witnesses. John Lehman, No. 133 Chatham street, testified to having granted permission to the prisoner to receive letters at his place. The prisoner received two checks from Washington on his forged application for \$20 and \$25, respectively. Hogan was held to await the action of the grand jury in default of \$5,000 bail.

## Medora.

Medora was a maid of note. And long beneath the shining stars I wandered with her that sweet eve. I caught her climbing o'er the bars.

Our lives at stake long had been, But now Medora dreams were mine. And though no sweeter dreams could be, We hoped they'd not be written „fine.“

And after I had kissed her once, The proper caper seemed to be To cry Da capo, and again Repeat as ordered by D. C.

She'd had a lover once before, She whispered when the moon was lifted.

But, as I played the violin, I thus became a second shift.

And when I, laughing, told her so, She hoped she'd never be without A second shift; which made me smile, As can be guessed without a doubt.

Her first love was a sailor bold, And mostly dwelt upon the C; And incompatible they were, Since he too loved had let her B.

And, as he loved Medora once, „Oh, can you love Me, Dora, now?“ I asked; and in soft, labial tones, She whispered love's most ardent vow.

And though her former love is Fa, She loves me now with all her Sol: He had the Can-tata to him, Though he upon the Si may roll.

And now she is my Re or light, And with „La Mo!“ she never greets Me when I Wina kiss from her, And linger on its tempting sweets.

I am so bold, I take the Keck. She tells me, with her face aglow; But all is sweet since „la la la la,“ And so my cake is not all do.

—Earl Marble in Fette.

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CHRISTINA TAYLOR, the Murderess of the Fisher Children.

## THE MURDERESS.

Christina Taylor Talking Again—First She Denies and Then She Acknowledges the Murder of the Fisher Children.

A CRITIC reporter called at the jail this morning to see Christina Taylor, the old negro murderess of the two little Fisher children. She was found in her cell, which is located in the northern corner of the south wing of the jail. Upon entering the cell the old hag was found sitting upon a small cot, swinging her head to and fro as if in great misery. An artist who was present asked:

„Annie, do you want your picture taken?“

„I don't care, sir,“ said she. The artist then proceeded to sketch while the reporter took a seat by the side of her and engaged her in conversation. She admitted that she had confessed to having killed the children, but declared that she did not do it; that when the officers talked to her on the subject she got „all tangled up,“ and made the confession. She said she did not see the children until after they were murdered.

The reporter asked her why she sent her daughter after her grandson, to tell him that he must come, that the Fisher children were murdered, and that they would all have to leave the place. She said if her daughter made any such statement she told an untruth.

The reporter pressed upon her the importance of telling the truth and making her peace with God, when, turning around, she said: „I should tell the truth I would feel any better than I do now.“ She was assured that by telling all about the murder and what prompted her to do it that her mind would be relieved.

She then said: „Now, will you all forgive me if I tell the truth about it. I am being attacked and I would be forgiven, the wretched old devil, lifting her head, said, „Jesus, heaven, pray, I will tell the truth. I did kill the children, but there's no forgiveness for me, no more than if I was a snake. I am heartily sorry for it, but I couldn't help it. If all on earth will forgive me, the Lord in heaven will, I know.“

„How large,“ asked the reporter, „was the stick you killed the children with?“ „Indeed I don't know,“ said the woman; „but I think it was as long as my arm.“

„How thick? Thick as my wrist?“ asked the reporter.

The old woman, catching hold of the reporter's wrist, said: „Oh, it wasn't as thick as your wrist, but it was about as thick as mine.“

The old creature suffers a great deal with pains in her side and head. The officers of the jail say she sits in about the same position all day, swinging her head as if in severe torture.

## Found Dead.

Louis Phillips, a well-known barkeeper, who had done business for some time at No. 2101 K street northwest, came down into his store early this morning to open the shutters and prepare for the day. Mrs. Phillips waited upstairs until she became alarmed at the quiet below, when she went down at about 6 o'clock and found her husband lying on the floor dead.

The body was viewed by the Coroner at about 11 a. m., who deemed an inquest unnecessary, and gave a certificate of burial stating that rheumatism of the heart was the cause of death.

## Held by a Tiger's Paw.

A ten-year-old lad named John Crane, anxious to see the animals of Batcheller & Doris' circus in Port Jarvis yesterday, climbed up the side of the car. He placed his hand on the floor of the cage, when a fierce tiger laid his huge paws on the boy's hand and held it. In this position the lad was suspended, and while so the tiger thrust his open jaws out to within a few inches of the child's face. The crowd who witnessed this occurrence were greatly excited and knew not what to do. But in a moment the animal loosened his grip, and the boy, limp with terror, dropped to the side of the car. He managed to walk to a doctor's office, where he fainted. Blood had flowed freely and the lad's face as well as his hands were covered. The doctor took the terrified child to the latter's home and dressed his hand, which was badly lacerated by the tiger's terrible claws.

## Special Announcement.

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